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AIR FREIGHT UP 18.1% IN FIRST HALF OF 1988

WASHINGTON, D.C., July 26, 1988 -- Air freight increased 18.1 percent in the first six months of 1988, compared to the same period last year, and was up 18.9 percent in June for the 22 air carriers reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight rose 15.3 percent during the first six months. Mail increased 3.1 percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, was up 12.4 percent.

International air freight of U.S. carriers during the first six months rose 21.5 percent. Mail increased 2.4 percent, and total cargo rose 19.5 percent.

For the month of June, domestic air freight had a gain of 15.8 percent. Mail was up 5.1 percent, and total domestic cargo increased 13.5 percent.

International freight in June was up 22.4 percent. Mail increased 4.9 percent. Total international cargo rose 20.7 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
JUNE	1988	411,588	102,530	514,118	379,947	34,680	414,627	791,535	928,745
JUNE	1987	355,550	97,579	453,129	310,312	33,075	343,387	665,862	796,516
PERCENT CHANGE		15.8	5.1	13.5	22.4	4.9	20.7	18.9	16.6
6 MONTHS	1988	2,308,642	641,402	2,950,044	2,078,004	206,659	2,284,663	4,386,646	5,234,707
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PERCENT CHANGE		15.3	3.1	12.4	21.5	2.4	19.5	18.1	15.4

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.